

UNCLE SAM'S WARDS

TEACHING THE YOUNG INDIAN HOW TO MAKE A LIVING.

A Visit to the Carlisle Industrial School—Promising Youngsters at the Blackboard and Work-Bench—Possibilities of the Indian of the Future.

How can a live Indian be converted into a good Indian without shooting him? The industrial school answers the question. Here, unfettered by the associations of the old life, the boys and girls may take the first steps toward a true manhood and womanhood; may grow into something higher than mere outcasts who dare not touch the border of the garment of civilization.

The barracks at Carlisle, built originally during the revolution by Hessian prisoners, were used for many years before and after the civil war as a training school for United States soldiers. After standing vacant for seven years they were turned over to the Indian Department to be used as a training school for Indian youth. So this historic spot has seen great changes. The doctrine of extermination has given place to that of "peace, good will toward men."

One of the strongest impressions made on my mind as a child was the fear and horror inspired by reading of the deeds of treachery and cruelty committed by Indians against the white race. But in recent years I have learned that this question, as well as most others, has two sides. On the part of the white man, there is a long record of wrong and injustice toward his red brother; and how can we blame the untutored savage, smarting under a sense of outrage, failing to discriminate between the good and the bad, or for thinking that all are alike bad? Let us hope that Gen. Crook's advice to the Indians will be followed, and that "Let the Indian see that you administer one law for both the white-skinned and the red-skinned; that you do this without regard for praise or censure, and you will gain his confidence because you have shown yourselves worthy of it."

The hours we spent at the school were full of interest. It was hard to realize that those Apache boys whose writing is so clear and legible have been here but four months. How quickly they have learned to read and write!

There is something almost pathetic in the warmth and brightness which come into many of those faces in response to kind words. About eighty of the best scholars had been sent away before our visit; but I think it would not fail to surprise anyone who had experienced in the school room to note the degree of proficiency which those who remain have attained. If the children whom I saw at the blackboard in certain schools and bethels were to stand before H. C. Butler, not a person in the eyes of the law (here I stand on common ground with the Indian), I set a very modest estimate on my opinion. Knowing, however, that men who have been thought worthy to speak in national councils here by a visit to this place, been converted from the bitterness of the shooting theory to faith in the practical working and beneficial results of Capt. Pratt's plan, and strong in the courage of their convictions.

A letter was shown me which had just been written by a boy of 14, a Pueblo, who was under instruction at one of the agency schools for eight months preceding the three years which he has spent here. The Pueblos have, instead of a chief, a governor, whom they elect yearly, and when this boy came to the school his father held the office. In a state of pauperism he had been compelled to leave the letter would do credit to a white boy of superior years and advantages. It is filled with advice to his father concerning the education of his people, and ends in this way: "Do not look back to your past life, but look ahead and be something and somebody, and not always in ignorance. Get out of it as soon as you can." Not only by words like these which they send to the friends at home, but by their eager impatience of the advantages given them to these boys and girls prove the wisdom of the plan.

In the laundry and kitchen the girls assist, and the sewing room garments cut and made by themselves, attest their skill. The boys learn printing, blacksmithing, wagon-making, painting, shoe-making, tailoring, farming, the making of tin ware, &c. &c. A great many goods of their manufacture go to supply the agencies. In 1883 harness to the value of \$1,200 was disposed of in this way. In the tailoring department the boys decline to sit as tailors usually do, but rest on the edge of the bench with their feet on the floor. It does not seem to interfere, however, with the success of their work.

The pupils are forbidden to talk Indian and are required to report every Saturday. As a reward for obedience to this rule, the privilege is granted to remain a week. The report showed that only some of the larger ones had availed themselves of permission to talk in their own language. Those little boys who had been here but a few months stuck manfully to the English. If we had no home with happy associations, no country to inspire our patriotism, should we in a strange land cling to our native tongue, or be eager to adopt that of the people who share our kinship?

Those of an Indian boy raising his hat to a woman! That is what some of these little fellows did as they passed us on their way from dinner, and we were told "they are glad of an opportunity to do it." It is only a straw? But you know the adage, and the wind is blowing toward civilization. A trifl? How trifles touch one sometimes! These are the children of a race whose women have borne the burden of the world, and whose sons have beneath the dignity of their lords. Yes, these boys are becoming civilized. They will probably outgrow their inherited ideas of woman's inferiority. Even the men of our own race are gradually discarding this antiquated notion, and we may yet see the day when not only an Indian but a woman shall be a person in the law.

The Indian girl who was to return with one of our party for the summer came toward us across the campus accompanied by some of her friends who were carrying her luggage. "How glad they are to have us," said one. Those who have been here for a longer or shorter time are very attentive to strangers, helping them in every way possible until they become used to the new life. Let me quote from the letter of a boy writing of another who comes to the same form: "He looks a little lonesome to-day, but I think it will not be long before I am here to comfort all I can."

These young savages, when knowing about having, know better than that the proper thing is using well-bred boys (or girls?) in a civilized community to make new counters as uncomfortable as possible by "ways that are dark and tricks that are mean."

The only one of the original buildings remaining is the old guard house, built of stone, with walls seven feet thick. The walls are now arched overhead with stones. This lies exactly on the line of Mr. Vanderbilt's proposed railroad. It is to be hoped that congress will not sanction the removal of a building so identified with the early history of our country. Railroads are important, but let us not sacrifice everything to a beet line.

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To all who are suffering from the errors and miseries of youth, nervous weakness, early decay, loss of manhood, &c., I will send a receipt with every book of free charge, and a receipt for every book of free charge in South America. Send a general address envelope to the Rev. Joseph D. Loman, New York City.

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WELL WORTH READING.

A Remarkable Ring of Workingmen in London, and the Way It Works. *London Times.*

A self-made capitalist, who is too well known in his own country to require to water his famous patronymic with one of the high-sounding prefixes the great family of Smith is given to annex in England, has founded a vast circle of connected yet independent co-operative associations in Stockholm. They number at present twenty-four, each ring, as it calls itself, containing a thousand members. Sweden is a kingdom of vast extent, thinly peopled, and with a very short agricultural working season. The country depends on a supply of labor during a few months from the capital. Formerly artisans and farmers lost much of the small stock of valuable time by the wanderings of the former in ignorance which of the latter needed them. Since the institution of the labor exchanges of the rings masters and men meet one another face to face. The price of cheap food is also more fair profit, which itself ultimately is divided, is among the most remarkable of the benefits a ring offers to its members. 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